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*We dedicate this book to a former DeMotte
teacher - Charity M. Fairchild (Erwin).*

*Evelyn (Kelly) Roorda,
DeMotte Historian*

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PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT INDIANA

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Indiana was explored in 1670 by Robert Cavalier Sieur De La Salle. The state was first settled in 1732 - 33, was made a territory on July 4, 1800 and was admitted into the union as its 19th state on December 11, 1816.

The present Constitution (the 2nd) dates from 1851. As of 1964 it had had eighteen amendments.

The General Assembly consists of a Senate of 50 members elected for four (4) years, and a house of Representatives of 100 members elected for two (2) years. Sessions are held biennially.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected for Four (4) years. The state is represented in Congress by two (2) senators and eleven (11) representatives.

Indiana is an East North Central State, bounded on the North by Lake Michigan and Michigan; on the East by Ohio; on the South by the North bank of the Ohio River, which divides it from Kentucky; and on the West by Illinois. It extends about 260 miles from North to South and 150 miles from East to West. It's name means "Land of the Indians."

From the 1890 Census through that of 1940 the center of population of the United States was located in Indiana, which adopted for its motto "The Crossroads of America". In many ways the state is typical of the nation as a whole, with its balance between manufacturing and agriculture, but its people, who are called Hoosiers (the word is of uncertain origin), gave it a distinctive flavor celebrated by such Indiana writers as Edward, James Whitcomb Riley and Booth Tarkington.

The state capital is Indianapolis. Indiana is divided into 92 counties and 1,009 townships.

DE MOTTE

An attempt has been made to give some high lights of the 100 years of progress that has been made. There is a lot of interesting local history being made and lost every day, because people do not care enough about our town heritage to record it. Our senior citizens represent a vast educational resources in our Community, that, if we are to save some of our historical past for the future generations, every one must become active in dealing with history.

The first settlers of the Kankakee river section was Indians. The river is known by hunters as the Hunters Paradise. The Indians selected the best routes. For years certain roads were known as two notch or three notch-routes, later on improvement was made by cutting numerals into a tree a mile apart indicating the numbers the travelers had gone from their starting point. These numbers were painted red. The wagon roads later 100 ft. wide were cleaned of timber. In 1816 - 1825 the roads were known as wagon roads.

Indiana Pioneers

Our fathers came in search of homes. They came down from the hill slopes and up out of the valleys of Kentucky; from the plateaus of Tennessee, across the mountains from Virginia; up from the Carolinas, and down the Ohio from Pennsylvania and the seaboard states. Many of them had fought for their country's freedom in the Revolutionary War and took up land granted to them as war bounties. Hither they traveled in frail boats, rudely constructed wagons and primitive ox carts; and their journey to their new homes through a virgin forest and a treacherous country, was under conditions that severely tested their patience, strength and endurance. These early settlers of Indiana - our parents and grand-parents - were hardy, frugal and industrious.

The Kankakee Valley was the first area of the Old Northwest to be inhabited by white settlers. It is a most historic area, described in the "Jesuit Relations." It was the mixing bowl of the French Canadians and the Indians.

There is no possibility of writing an indisputable history of the Kankakee River. Every settlement, city and town within hailing distance of this so called, "River of History," has its own prideful version of the spectacular events.

By act of Congress of September 20, 1850, the swamp or overflowed lands in the state belonging to the United States were granted to the State of Indiana, upon the condition that the same should be drained and reclaimed and rendered fit for agricultural purpose.

The name of DeMotte was first found on an abstract registered in the U.S. Land Office, Indianapolis, Ind., May 8, 1871. G.M. Ballard, recorder.

In 1871, DeMotte was named after Colonel Mark L. DeMotte, Dean of Law of the University of Valparaiso.

Warranty Deed -

April 6, 1871 - Consideration, \$1.00

Recorded November 14, 1881 - Deed recorded 36
page 31.

Signed

Acton Fairchild

Harriet Fairchild

To Plymouth, Kankakee and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the states of Indiana and Illinois.

Town Layout

When a town has grown up along a road which serves as a main street with cross streets feeding into it, the results are called a spiral or linear plan. Hundreds of towns in the southern, midwestern and western United States have developed this way.

1876

DeMotte was laid out on the linear line, recorded in History books in the Indiana room at the Crown Point Library.

Cities and Villages

In all of the States the laws provide for local government of cities and villages, so that when they attain a certain population they may be separated from, and thus manage their affairs independent of the township in which they are located both as to school matters and Civic authority. In school affairs provision is made for handling the more complex educational interests of villages and cities- the school boards being made larger and in many cases the scope of their authority is very much extended. In Civil matter provision is made in all of the states for the organization of villages and from the townships and providing for the necessary officers to carry on the affairs of the municipality.

Patrons Reference Directory

Jasper County, Indiana

Explanation

The Date following a name indicates the length of time the party has been a resident in the county. The abbreviations are as follows:

S for section, T for Township, P.O. for Post-office address.

When no Section or Township is given it will be understood that the party resides within the limits of the village or city named, and , in such cases, the post-office address is the same as the place of residence, unless otherwise stated.

An Abstract of Title of the following described real estate;

*Lots (1) and (2) in Block Eight (8) in A. L. Mc Donald's Addition
to the Town of DeMotte, located in the northwest quarter (N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of
the Southwest Quarter, (S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section (26) Township 32 North
Range 7 in Jasper County, Indiana.*

Section 36 - Township 38 - N. Rg. 71.

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| <i>A</i> | <i>640</i> |
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The above is a true copy of the Government plat on file in this office.

*U. S. Land Office
Indianapolis, May 8, 1871*

G. M. Ballard

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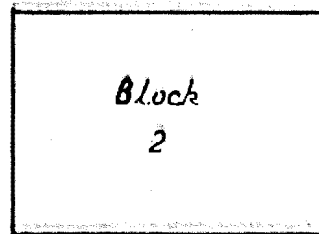
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Recorded - August 25, 1884

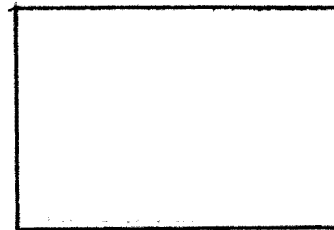
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DeMotte, Indiana (Garper County)

Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroad

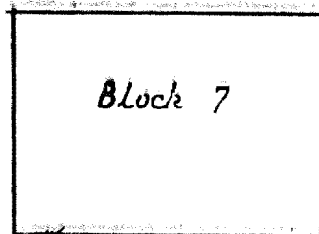
760'



Street



Chilcote Street



McDonald

| Block 8 | | 140ft. |
|---------|---------------|--------|
| 12 | 20 ft. street | 1 |
| 11 | | 2 |
| 10 | | 3 |
| 9 | | 4 |
| 8 | | 5 |
| 7 | | 6 |
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DeMotte Street

Tyler Street 760'

Townships of Land

Townships are the largest subdivisions of land run out by the United States Surveyors. In the Governmental Surveys Township Lines are the first to be run, and a Township Corner is established every six (6) miles and marked. This is called Townshipping. After the Townships corners have been carefully located, the section and Quarter Section Corners are established. Each Township is (6) six miles square and contains 23,040 acres, or 36 square miles, as near as it is possible to make them. This however is frequently made impossible by (1st) the presence of lakes and large streams ; (2nd) by State boundaries not falling exactly on Township Lines; (3) by the convergence of meridians or Curvature of the earths surface - and (4th) by inaccurate surveys.

Each Township, unless it is one of the exceptional cases referred to, is divided into 36 squares, which are called Sections. These Sections are intended to be one mile, or 320 rods, square and rod contains 640 acres of land. Sections are numbered consecutively from 1 to 36. Beginning with Section 1 in the North~~west~~ east Corner, they run West to 6, then East to 12, then West to 18, and so on, back and forth until they end with Section 36 in the South east corner.

These Townships are called Government Townships or Congressional Townships, to distinguish them from Civil Townships or organized Townships as frequently the lines of organized Townships do not conform to the Government Township lines.

Townships of Land continued

All Sections (except fractional Sections) are supposed to be 360 rods, or one mile, square and therefore contains 640 acres - a number easily divisible. Sections are subdivided into fractional parts to suit the convenience of the owners of the land. A half-section contains 320 acres; a quarter-section 80 acres and quarter of quarter contains 40 acres, and so on. Each piece of land is described according to the portion of the section ~~which~~ which it embraces - as the north-east quarter of Section 10: or the southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 10. The laws however of all the State provide certain rule for local surveyors to follow in dividing Sections into smaller parcels of land than has been outlined in the Governmental surveys.

1800:

First pioneer settlers were Germans coming from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, with a number from Virginia and other Southern States. Their business was wild hay. It was free and plentiful and sold for \$8.00 per ton.

1850:

Swamp or overflowed lands in the state belonging to the United States were granted to the State of Indiana upon condition that the same should be drained and reclaimed and rendered fit for agricultural purpose.

1850:

Military Land warrants amounted to 1,252,638.65 acres.

Early Settlers

1853:

Dr. Thomas Antrim (first doctor).

1855:

Jacob Keener.

1857:

James F. Antrim, born (son of Dr. Thomas Antrim).

1856:

DeMotte received name from Mark L. DeMotte, whom was elected, Prosecuting Attorney for the Judicial Circuit Court, comprising the Counties of Porter, La Porte, St. Joseph, Marshall and Stark.

1860:

Fred Schwanke, father of Earl Schwanke, bought the country home south of DeMotte.

1865:

Acton Fairchild and wife Harriet (Day), arrived from Ohio and built a two (2) room log cabin. Log raisings were held.

1865:

Deed from Robert H. Honrd to Acton Fairchild for 3600 acres of farmland was recorded October 6, 1865.

1868:

Attorney-At-Law, Mordecai F. Childote distributed, "Maps of Jasper County" with the name of DeMotte on them.

1868:

Daniel Fairchild received his honorable discharge from the Civil War and arrived to make his home in Indiana.

1868:

Asa Tyler arrived

1870:

About 50 Hollanders arrive. The extreme northern part while principally in the hands of private persons, and generally fenced, is not cultivated and is sparsely settled.

1871:

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1871^{1/2}:

Three 9's Railroad was built through northern part of Jasper and southern portion of Lake Counties, including DeMotte. Land donated by Acton Fairchild and wife Harriet Fairchild, April 6.

1872:

Ira Robbins came from Will County, Illinois by way of the Divided Ridge and was one of the first doctors.

1874:

Acton Fairchild to Daniel Fairchild, land S.W.S.W. Section 26, Township 32, Range 7 - 40 acres. Received a warrant deed.

1875:

Olive Viola Schwanke Knip born (July.)

1876:

20 acres, more or less for \$120.00 from Jacob and Frientye Haahn to Ann Bunning on April 29.

1876:

Seth Bently bought land from Austin S Way and Isabelle Way. Said land bounded on the South by the North Line Right-of-way of the Indiana and Iowa Railroad Company. The frame building covered with brown siding was the first general store of DeMotte.

1876:

Teacher of Center School was Mary Cover. She was one of the early teachers.

1878:

Henry DeFries born September 15, - Farmer rural route mail carrier, retired in 1942.

DeMotte Settlement

1878:

Schwanke Ditch began in the Cornelius (Neil) Evers farm and ran west of DeMotte to enter into the Grand Marsh and the Tyler Ditch east to the east of the town. The ditches were dug with horse power.

1879:

40 acres deeded to Wm. H. McDonald, S.E. Northwest Section 2, Town 31, Range from Daniel Fairchild. Recorded February 4, 1888.

1882:

First Post Office located on West side of Main road. Postmaster, Seth J. Bently.

1883:

Daniel E. and Hannah Fairchild gave a strip of land to the renamed Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized in the States of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Before David J. Thompson.

Notary Public, Jasper County, Ind.

1883:

Jasper County is almost entirely devoted to agriculture or to farming and to stock raising, and its towns are few.

1884:

Daniel Fairchild donated land for Plot to town of DeMotte, December 15. Town laid out on a Linear line. All said streets and Alleys are dedicated to the public for highways forever.

Daniel Fairchild.

1884:

A. L. McDonald's Addition to the Town of DeMotte.

1884:

Jay Spencer was born.

1885:

Troxell Hotel built on Northeast corner of Lilly Street and Three 9's Railroad where Shell station stands (1973)

1886:

Methodist Church met in one (1) room school to organize a Sunday School.

1889:

Van Becks store on Lilly Street.

1889:

Sam McGinnis store on Lilly Street.

1890:

Road to Hebron was known as Hebron grade.

1890:

More Hollanders arrive.

1890:

District School on Mosier farm west of town.

1890:

New worshipping group formed and services held in Tyler school.

1890:

Methodist Church opened her doord to the worshipping group.

1891:

Pioneer Church of community was built and dedicgted by Rev. Lemel Shortridge.

1891:

Community Hall building was built on west side of Lilly Street where the DeMotte Hardware is located, (1975.) Later the hall became a pool room, ran by Burns.

1891:

Nelson Morris buys 50 acres of ground for \$200.00.

1891:

Benjamin Gifford acquired some 36,000 acres of land in Jasper County and Lake County.

1893:

Reformed Church group was organized by the classis of Wisconsin.

1882:

Wosine J. Shaffer, Trustee.

1890:

Essie Fairchild was a Primary Teacher. Salaries were \$1.50

1894:

Bruners Addition to Town of DeMotte, Jasper County, Indiana.

1897:

Three 8th grade graduates from Wheatfield school. Charity Fairchild, Arthur Frame and Bill Wells.

1898:

Began survey of what was known as the "One Man Railroad" and officially known as the Chicago and Wabash Railroad - by Benjamin Gifford.

1900:

First Reformed Church building erected, parsonage was built, made possible by a loan negotiated by the Women's Board of Domestic Missions.

1900:

Ladies Aid organized Methodist Church. Nine (9) Charter Members.

1900:

Depot station built. First depot agent was Charles Cuttin. Retired in 1945 after working for the railroad for 45 years.

1900:

Kankakee cleaned out, dredge operated by Millard Hall of Shelby.

1900:

Ladies Aid organized - Charter Members:

Eva Tyler

Ethie Tyler

Anna Percy

Della Trupe

Mary Sayres

Matta Watson

Mary Frame

Nancy McGinnis and,

Mrs. Sommers

1900:

Charles A. Halleck born August 22nd, became a lawyer and congressman.

1900:

First blacksmith shop was owned and operated by Bill Cheever. Located north of railroad tracks on west side of road.

1901:

Otis brothers buy and establish the Otis farms.

1907:

The present Hebron - DeMotte connection State Hi-way 53 was the first direct road between the two villages.

1913:

Home Economics club was organized.

1914:

DeMotte received a heavy snow storm.

1915:

LaVern Henry, first mortician.

1916:

Royal Neighbors camp 7874 received their Charter, January 26.

1916:

Herman Osting opens a shoe and harness repair shop.

1916:

DeMotte Cemetery plotted. (February 9.)

1918:

Three girls graduated from high school; Florence Frame, Grace Halleck and Rose Fieldman.

1918:

Coffee Shop on Lilly Street owned by John Terborg and later sold to George Clark.

1919:

Asparagus growers.

1920:

Mrs. Ann Bunning frustrated an attempted bank hold-up in Gary, and saved her brothers life. He was president of the bank.

1929-30:

DeMotte High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Championship Winners.

1930:

DeMotte Bank was saved by August Schultz from going under in the Depression.

1931:

DeMotte Christian Reformed Church formed with 19 families.

1934:

New Kankakee River Bridge was opened. Cost was \$50,000.00 -

1936:

Cheever Airport opened for service.

1936:

The most disasterous fire in the DeMotte business district accured shortly before 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. Alarm sounded for help by telephone operator, Mrs. Charles Summers.

1936:

The population of DeMotte, according to the State Hi-way on Wednesday, June 15, is listed at 750.

1938-40:

Trustee - Ivan Cheever (Toots)

1940:

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Todd opened a funeral home and a furniture store on the west side of Lilly Street.

1941-50:

Trustee - Ethel Cheever

1941:

DeMotte, Parent Teachers' Association (P.T.A.) was formed March 31. Total membership was 85. Yearly dues, .25¢ First president was Mrs. Ruth Rower.

1942:

April 13, P.T.A. to sponsor "Boy Scout Troop #53" during the summer months.

1943:

Boy Scout Troop 53, Executive Committee, Harry Huhn, Melvin Kelly, Jr., Arthur Lageveen, Sr., and Otto DeYoung, Jr.

1943:

P.J.A. President, Reverend Archibald.

1944:

School Oratorical contest was held April 11, - Youth Center Committee: Mrs. Gerald Curtin, Mr. Paul Stangle and Mrs. Vernie Chappell.

1945:

American Legion organized, #440 received their charter December 17th.

1946:

American Legion Auxiliary organized December 17th.

1946:

American Legion first homecoming.

1947:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #440 received charter March 28th.

1947:

Lions Club organized.

1948:

Tornado, "Kankakee River," section. One (1) killed, several homes lost - April 15th.

1949:

Heavy ice storm in April. Electric wires down, trees broken under pressure of ice. Ice was everywhere.

1950-58:

Trustee - Ivan (Toots) Cheever.

1953:

Legion Hall Dedication, Saturday evening, October 18th.

1953:

Mrs. Elizabeth Tanner entertained with a community Halloween party with the help of A.L.A. Unit 440 (October 31.)

1954:

Kankakee River - big flood!!! Co. C.B. Battalion 1 of the 293rd Inf. Regiment of the Indiana National Guard and of Delphi, Indiana A.L.A. Unit 440 of DeMotte served meals.

1956:

American Legion #440, tenth homecoming queen, Mary Ann Crawford (Mrs. Paul Schuchty)

1957:

Memorial Dedication for John Hission, teacher at DeMotte High School and Senior Class sponsor. (Was loved and respected by all that knew him.)

1958:

1958:

DeMotte Public School Dedication on October 24th, 7:30p.m. New addition was added to the school.

1966:

DeMotte School burglarized. Loss was \$3,395.

1966-67:

The sale of a baseball pitching machine to DeMotte School by the former school principal Ernest Holdslaw, and its later resale to Kouts High School.

1966:

Stanley, Davis Airport.

1967:

Heavy snow storm. Roads closed. Blowing winds, everything at a standstill.

1967:

DeMotte was incorporated March 11th.

1970:

DeMotte became a legally incorporated town by court decision after trouble over boundary lines.

1971:

Chamber of Commerce organized.

1971:

New DeMotte State Bank, south of road 1300 north on U.S. 231.

1971:

Kankakee Valley High School Dedication (June 28th) Construction cost, \$4,250,000.00. James F. Moore, Principal, introduced the school board and guest speaker, Representative Walter Roorda.

1971:

Kankakee Valley High School moving day, (Feb. 1st.)

1971:

August 31 - 2,250 students expected to attend school on opening day.

1972:

Norman Abbring, Norbert Daigle, Kankakee Valley School Corporation teachers' filed suit against the Kankakee Valley school board, alleging discriminations against them in filling summer school contracts.

1972:

DeMotte Jaycees organized, August 14.

1972:

Old Fashioned Farm and Town Day, July 1st.

1972:

DeMotte institutes street numbering system.

1972:

DeMotte Town trustees (board) purchased the Cheever land for use as a parking lot July 21st.

1972:

Army Engineers abandon Kankakee Sewage Plan for Two-State System.

1972:

Jaycees received charter August 10th.

DeMotte Business and Professional Women.

DeMotte Town Board.

1972:

Keenagers formed, October 3rd.

1973:

Down town truck ordinance to be enforced, January 18th.

1973:

Down town merchants signed petition against the proposed truck ordinance on December 20th.

1973:

Jasper County passes Mobile Home Ordinance in July.

1973:

Boyd Schwanke has been Postmaster of the DeMotte Post Office longer than any other postmaster, come September 15th. Mr. Schwanke will have been post master for 19 years.

1974:

DeMotte to get tennis courts, (March 4.)

1974:

Town Board receives bid for storm sewers, (Oct. 3.)

1974:

K.V. Board signs Teachers' contracts, (April 18th.)

1974:

K.V. School largest in Jasper County, (Sept. 5th.)

1974:

Chamber of Commerce in DeMotte disbanded, (Dec. 12th.)

1974:

Residents protest naming of some streets - October 31.

1974:

Three (3) churches burglarized early Monday morning, October 20th.

1974:

School Board grants raises to secretaries and clerks - June 6th.

1974:

Library celebrates first birthday - Feb. 20th

1974:

Legion #440 holds open house (Saturday, Feb. 2nd.) for Dedication of New Legion Hall on Rt. 10 east.

1974:

Kankakee School Board approves insurance bid, (March 11.)

1974:

New addition to the DeMotte Post Office. (Oct. 16th.)

1974:

American Reformed Church Dedication after rebuilding, (December 22.)

1974:

Resurfacing projects.

1974:

DeMotte Town Board o.k.'s Christian school proposal for an exit from their proposed parking lot.

1974:

Friends of the Library organized, (Sept. 26th.)

1974:

Kankakee Valley School Board approves kindergarten, April 4th.

1975:

DeMotte Blackouts, as results of a prank by a group of teenagers at Hooks corner, (June 6th.)

1975:

Violent storms snapped trees and limbs, and we also received about 4 inches of rain, (June.)

1975:

Unsafe conditions on a section of U.S. 231 to Kankakee River were discussed, (Jan. 14th.)

1975:

Alumni Banquet, 360 attended, (June 26th.)

1975:

Exchange student at K.V. Kristen Hansen of Denmark will be here for one (1) year and is staying with the Alvah Marshall family.

1975:

Town Board Proclamation sets DeMotte Centennial in 1976, (Dec. 18th.)

1975:

Violent storms bring lightening and much rain.

1975

December

Deborah Jean Moes and Timothy John Abbring repeated their marriage vows at 4:30pm. Saturday afternoon, December 20th in the Second Christian Reformed Church of Highland, Indiana. The Rev. James DeVries performed the double ring ceremony.

Kimberly Whitaker and John C. Roorda were united in marriage Saturday, December 20th, at the American Reformed Church at 6:00pm. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. August Tellinghuisen.

1975:

New store ownership for G.G.A. store on Prospect Hill on Rt. 321 - (Oct. 2)

1975:

Girl Scouts Sycamore Sampler meeting at the DeMotte Elementary School on Sat. Sept. 15th.

1975:

Giant Hoosier Farm sold (Fair Oaks Farm.) Purchased by Merlin Karlock - 10,110 acres - Jan. 14th.

1975:

Arts & Crafts by the Friends of the Library, August 16th.

1975:

New Welcome Wagon hostess, Mrs. Sharon Roehm, appointed after the death of former hostess Mrs. Trudie Stephenson. Mrs. Gail Elsner became Welcome Wagon Hostess after Mrs. Stephenson's death and remained so for about a year, but chose to quit after becoming pregnant, resulting in the appointment of Mrs. Roehm.

1975:

Ben Hoffman honored by the Kankakee Valley School Board, was presented a plaque to commemorate his 50 years of service as a school bus driver.

1976:

New ambulances arrive for DeMotte and Wheatfield. Ordered from Wiers Chevrolet, December 18th.

1976:

Carl Koch appointed Town Marshall, (Jan. 19).

1976:

Mrs. Donald (Evelyn) Roorda appointed Town Historian, (January.)

1976:

Dr. Roy Kingma, Town Board President, Jan. 1.

1976:

Fred Boissy member of Jasper County Council was snowed in after a heavy storm bringing blizzard like weather on Feb. 2nd.

1976:

Tornado hit Prospect Hill and several other communities about 1:50 p.m. Extensive damage was done. Friday, March 12th.

1976:

Arts & Crafts Festival will be held on August 14th and will also honor DeMotte's Centennial.

1976:

James Coffer offered the chairmanship of the DeMotte Centennial.

February - 1976

Jasper County Commissioner Fred Boissey Jr. of DeMotte will be seeking another term as Commissioner and will not challenge State Representative Walt Roorda in the May primary.

Winter storm on the 5th caused several accidents and the closing of some major roads in Jasper County. Snow and high winds combined to cause massive drifting, and a visibility near zero. Kankakee Valley Schools were closed both Monday and Tuesday due to the after effects of the storm.

State Representative Walter J. Roorda stated last week that he plans to file as candidate in the May primary in hopes of re-election to the Indiana House of Representatives.

A family dinner was given at the Jefferson House in Rensselaer in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert (sue) Kingma's fiftieth anniversary. Hosts were their four children and their spouses.

Miss Mary Lou Belstra and Jim Allen Swart were united in marriage on Friday, February 20th, in the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte, with the Rev. E. Cook Officiating.

March - 1976

A large crowd gathered for supper and awards presentation on March 25th, at the Kankakee Valley High School.

A group of several parents, mostly mothers, appeared before the Kankakee Valley School Board, Tuesday night to register complaints with the Board about the high school's quarter system and other related items.

April

Karen Elaine Kiersma and Ralph Eugene Peo were united in marriage on April 23rd, in a 6:30 service with Rev. Gradus Aalberts performing the double ring ceremony in the First Reformed Church.

May

Linda Sue Ann Kozak and Andy Lee Anderson were married at 4:30 in the afternoon, May 8th in Sorrowful Mother Church of Wheatfield.

The DeMotte Junior Women's Club will be host for a Bicentennial tour of homes early this month. All proceeds from the tour will go for improvements in the DeMotte town park.

Joanne Bahrerth of DeMotte, and Timothe Gehrels of Gary were married on May 15th.

Patricia Kay Spriggs enlisted May 28th in the honorary Hoosier Bicentennial Military Unit; The '76 Indiana Volunteers.

June

DeMotte Town Board members say there has been some problem in the town recently with lots and yards that are not kept clean. There is an ordinance stating that these yards and vacant lots must be cleaned up, and the weeds controlled.

Bert Boun of DeMotte and Wilma Wills of Pendleton, Indiana were united in marriage Saturday, June 19, in the Christian Church of Pendleton.

Marcy Sekema and Marvin Woodke were married in the American Reformed Church on Friday, June 11th.

July

Kankakee Valley School Board members met with architects for the middle school, Thursday night, to look over plans for the school in detail. Four representatives of the Architectural firm of Belasko, Bittner and Associates were at the meeting to present their ideas.

Tuesday, July 6th, residents and business owners crowded the Town Hall in DeMotte for the public hearing on the proposed sewer rate ordinance for the town. About 60 persons attended the meeting.

A number of items were discussed Monday night at the meeting of the DeMotte Park Board. Among them were the progress in obtaining a master plan for Spencer Park, and the nomination of a new park board member. Several other matters were also discussed.

DeMotte Town Board Monday accepted a bid by Wiers Chevrolet of DeMotte to lease two (2) 1976 Impala Squad Cars with 350 cubic inch engines for 24 months at a rate of \$176.36 per vehicle, per month.

Mrs. Karen Kent Shirer, Valparaiso, played her harpsichord and sang Colonial era songs at the Wilbert Hamstra Garden Party Saturday afternoon,

August

Scott Wayne Marquardt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Donna) Marquardt of DeMotte left for Great Lakes Naval Training Center on the 19th. He joined the Navy Cache Program in December, 1975, graduated from Kankakee Valley High School in May 1976, and now plans to make the Navy his career in the Electronics field.

September 1976

Monthly sewage rates for DeMotte residences and businesses may be lowered as much as 25% from the rate earlier established, the Town Board has learned. Earlier in August, the Board met with Ralph Shelburn from the Federal Housing Authority and priced a loan of \$1,047,000.00 at an interest rate of 5% over a period of five (5) years. Originally, the town had been turned down by the F.H.A., but approval came through after a change in the F.H.A.'s fiscal year date.

October 1976

Mrs. Lillie Stroup of DeMotte celebrated her 85th birthday on Friday October 8, with a carry-in dinner. Helping her celebrate her birthday were 25 relatives and friends. Special surprise guests were her daughter and son-in-law (Ret) Colonel Russell and Mae Clark from Ladson, South Carolina.

Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Wireman of DeMotte opened the Deer Park Aquarium Shop.

Scott W. Marquardt, son of Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Marquardt of DeMotte graduated Boot Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and now goes to San Diego, California for further training in anti-submarine warfare, specializing in Sonar Electronics.

November 1976

F.M.H.A. loan finalized, (Farmers Home Administration) to the town of DeMotte for construction of its sewer system.

The Farmers Home Administration purchased a bond for \$1,047,000.00 from the town which the town must repay over a period of forty (40) years. The Administration loan amounts to about one third the cost of the total sewer project. The E.P.A. will pay \$2,313,300 of the cost, and the State of Indiana will pay \$308,440. The estimated completion dates are eighteen (18) months for the collection system, and one year for the treatment plant. Fred Zeck will be the resident inspector for the project.

At the November meeting of the DeMotte Junior Women's Club, Frank Groen Company, owner of Howard & Sons Meat Market gave a talk on meat and

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demonstrated the various cuts of meat.

DeMotte Junior Women's Club asks for donations to erect town decorations.

December 1976

The Town Board has made a special appeal for cooperation and tolerance from residents during the construction of the sewers. There will be some short term adverse effects. The most critical problem involves private wells, which will be affected by a dewatering process used to provide a dry trench for the construction.

Purdue University students presented their plans for the three DeMotte Parks at a meeting of the DeMotte Park Board, Wednesday night. The students have studied and drawn up plans for the parks as part of a landscape architecture class they are taking.

Official Park Closing Time is 9:00 pm., instead of 6:00 pm., as previously stated.

Several changes are taking place in the business community of DeMotte with stores re-locating, expanding or planning to open for the first time.

Rules for the DeMotte parks which have been established by the Park Board, were recently accepted by the DeMotte Town Board.

The DeMotte American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night with 15 members present. A carry-in dinner and a Christmas gift exchange enjoyed. The main business for the evening was making arrangements for getting the Christmas baskets filled for the needy.

On December 14th, Junior Girl Scout Troop 36 and 297 went to Little Company of Mary Hospital in San Pierre, Indiana to entertain the patients.

January 1977

Thursday, January 27th, the full commission and executive board of the Four-County Kankakee-Sroquois Regional Planning Commission met at 7:00pm., at the Oaks Campground on State Road 114. The commission will elect officers and a new executive board.

Walter Roonda is the Republican Representative on the Ethics Committee.

Rae Cummins, lucky winner of \$700.00 in the I.G.A.'s Fabulous Bankroll game.

The next Craft workshop at the DeMotte Library will be a showing of live plants by Cheryl Kaper on Thursday, February 3rd, at 10:00am.

A toll-free telephone service has been installed in the Indiana House of Representatives for the current session of the 100th General Assembly. Citizens may dial 1-800-382-9841 from 9:00am., to 4:00pm., Monday through Friday. The phone will be in operation until the legislature adjourns.

Montgomery Ward's Catalog Store will be closed all day Thursdays, effective February 1, 1977.

The DeMotte State Bank has recently donated \$100.00 to the Kankakee Valley Band Boosters, to help purchase new band uniforms.

The film, "Though I Walk Through The Valley" will be shown, Thursday, January 27th, at 7:24pm., during the family night program of the First Reformed Church of DeMotte.

Pastor Stanley Hamilton of the First Church of the Nazarene has begun a Christian Marriage Counseling Service in DeMotte. This is a new and much needed service in our area.

Kathy Musch will graduate on January 30th, from Purdue University Calumet Campus. She is one of twenty-six (26) women completing the course of Practical Nurse Training.

March 1977

Thursday, March 10, 1977

The town of DeMotte appropriated \$2,000.00 in it's 1977 budget for snow removal and has now spent \$1,879.00 of that amount.

The Kankakee Kougars were crowned the Sectional Champs by winning 53 - 45 over the Hawks of Hebron. The Kougars led all the way. Rick Sytsma hit a five foot jumper to start the game.

Infant Valerie Renee Kramer, Rt. 1, DeMotte, was "still born" March 5th, in Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Indiana. Her parents are Alvin and Karen (Roorda) Kramer.

Philadelphia College of Bible's 50 voice chorale presented a concert Monday, March 14, at 7:30pm., at the Community Bible Church of DeMotte. The chorale is making an eight (8) state tour.

DeMotte Christian School presented a Travelogue titled; Canada's Many Faces, on March 18th, at 7:45pm.

Junior Women's Club made several decisions at their meeting, including the purchase of a Climber and two (2) grills for Freedom Park. Geraniums will be sold one week before Mother's Day, and members will be taking orders a month before May 8th. Flowers will be purchased from Fred G. Moolenaar's Greenhouse.

Allen Nagel of DeMotte has been named to Saint Joseph's Dean's List for semester one (1) of the 1976-77 school year. Mr. Nagle is the son of James Nagle, Sr., of DeMotte.

Kevin Compton has been named Kankakee Valley 1976-77 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve DeHaan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 4th, at Oak Glen Fellowship in Lansing, Illinois. The party was given by their children.

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Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nannenga are the proud parents of a son, Bryan James, born Monday, Feb. 28, 1977 at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. James Norwick are the parents of a son, Joshua James, born on March 3rd, 1977 at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hixson announced the engagement of their daughter Kathy to Roger Ferguson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ferguson.

Registration for the Kankakee Valley Little League will take place March 26th, and April 2nd, from 9:00am, till 3:00pm, at the DeMotte Town Hall.

Thomas A. Cassman R. Ph., of Lowell has joined the staff of Fagen Pharmacy of Cedar Lake and DeMotte. A graduate of Purdue University School of Pharmacy, Tom is a member of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association and a participant in a variety of pharmacy continuing educational programs.

Sergeant Larry Dembinski of the Indiana State Police will present a program on rape at the Tuesday, March 22nd meeting of the DeMotte Junior Women's Club. The program will take place at the DeMotte Town Hall at 8:00pm, and the public is encouraged to attend.

First Place Awards in Conversation, Public Affairs and Yearbook were received by the DeMotte Junior Women's Club at the Porter County Federation of Clubs' Annual Convention.

Seaman Scott W. Marquardt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Donna) Marquardt, has been promoted to the rank of Petty Officer, 3rd Class, and assigned to The Destroyer - U.S.S. Hewitt, home-ported in San Diego, California where he will continue his schooling in Sonar Electronics in the Navy.

Sandra Kay Jase and Ronnie Lee Patrick were married on Friday, March 12th, at 7:00pm, in the American Reformed Church. Rev. August Tellinghuisen officiated at the double ring, candle light service.

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Cub Scouts in Den 3, went on a tour of the DeMotte Airport.

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Miss Ruth Ellen Van Der Molen and Adrian Dieleman of Aylmer Ontario, Canada were united in marriage on Saturday, March 20th, at 4:00pm., in the First Christian Church of DeMotte. The Rev. E. Cooke officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Stone announced the engagement of their daughter Mary Lou to Daniel Siphema, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Siphema, Jr., of Fair Oaks.

April, 1977

Linda Kay Hoffman and John Summara were united in marriage on Saturday, April 30, 1977.

Naval Petty Officer, 2nd Class, Kurt W. Marquardt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Donna) Marquardt of DeMotte has embarked for the Phillipines aboard the Aircraft Carrier, U.S.S. Coral Sea where it will be on patrol through most of 1977.

Kankakee Valley Post News

April 14, 1977

DeMotte Police arrested Michael S. Holmes, 25, 204 E. Division St., DeMotte, Saturday, and charged him with probation violation for drinking.

Several police officers and cadets recently completed a certified course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation which was given at the DeMotte Town Hall. Malcolm King and John Terborg instructed the course using film and slides. Completing the course were Captain Charles Bailey, Officers James R. Brown, Ronald R. Boezell, David Hart and Thomas Carr. Cadet Chief Jerry Mares, Cadet Captain Randy Van Kley, Cadet Sgt. Beth Bozell and Officers Jim Kuiper, Bernie Hamstra, Sue Springsteen Arthur Peterson and Mark Roorda.

Godspell - the hit of Broadway. A musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew was presented at the Kankakee Valley High School Auditorium on April 23rd, by the Indiana Central Players from Indiana Central University in Indianapolis.

The DeMotte Junior Women's Club will be holding their First Annual Door-to-Door Geranium Sale on Saturday, May 7th.

The DeMotte P.T.O. Carnival was held on Friday, April 22 from 5:00 to 9:00p.m. at the DeMotte Elementary School.

The Keenagers (DeMotte Senior Citizens) meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The St. Cecilia's Sodality meeting was held April 20th at 7:30p.m. in the church basement and new officers were elected. Their annual Spring Salad Bar Luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 27th, from 11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m.

C.B. Hotline Citizens Band Board of Directors met recently at the DeMotte American Legion Hall. Several items were brought before the board pertaining to the "Coffee Bread Sunday", May 22, in Rensselaer.

Ladies Gold League at Sandy Pines Golf Course held an organizational meeting Tuesday, April 19th, at 9:00a.m. at the course. The league is open to all, beginners or pro's.

The new Golf Coach of the K.V.H.S. is Leo Hummel, in his 3rd year of teaching at K.V.

Slave Day will be held May 30th by the DeMotte and Wheatfield Senior Girl Scouts from 9:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. to raise money for their trip to Mexico.

May, 1977

Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a fire on a light pole about 10:10 p.m. Thursday. The pole on Almond St., S.W. had been struck by lightning and started to burn.

Mark Lageveen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lageveen, Jr., has been initiated into Theta Kappa Alpha social fraternity at Central College, Pella, Iowa, where he is a Freshman.

DeMotte American Legion Post 440 will be sending 3 delegates to this years Boy's State Program to be held on the campus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute from June 11th through June 18th. Delegates are Clifford Passuello, Wheatfield; Dennis Ray Seegers, Wheatfield; Donald Capouch, Wheatfield; and alternates are; Robert Kaper, DeMotte; and Dan Marquardt, DeMotte; and, David W. Harper of Wheatfield.

At ceremonies Wednesday evening April 27th, 39 Kankakee Valley High Schools were inducted into the National Honor Society. Inductees included 20 sophomores, 15 juniors and 4 seniors.

Dan E. Marquardt was one of the Juniors inducted into the National Honor Society.

Members of the Wheatfield Jaycees presented a check for \$118.00 to the Kankakee Valley Area Fire Arts Council last Wednesday evening before the council's meeting in the DeMotte Library. The check is to go toward the purchase of an illuminated bulletin board for Kankakee Valley High School.

Three Choirs from the K.V. Choral department presented a program on Saturday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

May 20th - The last day that entries for Pee Wee baseball will be accepted is May 20th.

Class of 1972 - please take notice - the money for the 5th year reunion must be sent in as soon as possible, or it will have to be cancelled! Enough money has not yet been received to go ahead with the planning.

May 12 - Storms and at least one tornado hit Northern Jasper County late last week. Homes were damaged, and one person injured. A combination chimney and tower with a cross on its top at the Bethel Christian Church was struck by lightning around 10:00 p.m., Thursday. The Rev. John Botting, the church's pastor said the chimney/tower was knocked through the roof landing in the entryway of the church. Damages are estimated to be in the thousands.

Thursdays heavy winds also blew out a large window at Fieldhouse Ford Sales.

Friday, May 13th, Dan E. Marquardt, age 17 was injured in an auto accident which totalled his car. Upon arrival at the scene, M. Cheever (owner of Cheevers Garage & Towing) commented, he didn't think Dan was alive, the car being upside down on top of him! And, tonight his parents are thanking God - his injuries are minor and he'll be fine.

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Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bryan of DeMotte announced the engagement of their daughter Cheryl to Donald Goetz, son of Mrs. Eloise Goetz and the late Edward Goetz. An August, 1977 wedding is planned.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Barr of Pease, Minnesota announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Phillip Terborg, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Terborg of DeMotte. An August 5th, wedding is planned.

On March 6th, a daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Eddie (Debra) Coffey of Rt. 2, DeMotte.

Groundbreaking for the Treatment Plant of DeMotte's new sewer system took place Monday afternoon, March 7th, northwest of DeMotte near County Roads 900 West and 1350 North.

The Rev. Thomas Roughface spoke at the regular worship service at 10:00am, Sunday March 13, in the United Methodist Church.

Two (2) Light Operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan were presented at the Kankakee Valley High School, Friday March 11, at 8:00pm. They were presented by the Kankakee Valley Area Fine Arts Commission.

The date for the third annual DeMotte Arts and Crafts Festival has been changed to August 13th, instead of August 20th.

Jeffrey Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Evans, who are former residents, and are now of Springfield, Illinois, presented a piano recital on Sunday afternoon, March 6, at Collins Recital Hall in Chicago, Illinois.

Robin Louise Chenoweth, daughter of Mrs. Vivian Chenoweth of DeMotte has been accepted for the fall semester at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois.

The Kankakee Valley Band Boosters will be sponsoring a special New Uniform Day on April 16, 1977.

Melody A. Hamstra, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Hamstra of Rt. 2, Box 37, DeMotte, received a Bachelor's degree Sunday, May 8th, from Hope College at Holland, Michigan.

Mrs. Esther Linders, DeMotte Elementary school teacher is retiring at the end of the school term.

Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Musch announce the engagement of their daughter Kathy Lyn to Michael Randolph Fish. Randolph is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Edson Fish of South Bend, Ind. Wedding plans are indefinite.

St. Cecilia's installation of new officers was held Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. A pot luck supper was held in the church basement. There was a display of jewelry from Patti Ann's Jewels.

DeMotte Junior Women's Club held their monthly meeting May 24th, at the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. Officers were instalked fir the 1977-78 season. Guests and the public were invited.

Royal Neighbors of America, Eureka Camp 7874 held their annual booster meeting Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in DeMotte. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all. Entertainment was presented by various camps. Door prizes were provided.

May 26, 1977 - Keener Township restaurant gets the okay. The planning commission voted 5 to 2 to accept Lewis and Agnes Holwins request for a change in zoning from a suburban residential district to an interchange business district. Two stipulations were made to the Holwins restaurant proposal. They must start construction of the restaurant within one year of the date of the state approval. Also, the Holwins must not change their plans for the design and structure of the building. These plans have already been submitted to and passed by both planning bodies. The planning commission told the Holwins they were only giving them a change in zoning for an area 250' by 350'. The Holwins had asked for a maximum of 8 acres.

Mark Huber, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Hubers has been accepted for admission to Dordt College for the 1977-78 school year. Mark graduated from Illiana Christian High School.

Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department extinguished several brush fires this month.

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The DeMotte American Legion Auxiliary donated \$150.00 to the new band uniform fund.

Junior Young People's Society of the First Christian Reformed Church sponsored a spaghetti supper on Friday, March 18th, from 5:00pm, to 7:30pm. Adults, \$2.00 - Under 12, \$1.25.

The winter sports banquet at Kankakee Valley High School will take place Wednesday, March 23, at 6:30pm., at the school. About 100 awards will be presented. The banquet is open to the public, and those who attend should bring their own table service.

Attendance at the four (4) sessions of the Kankakee Valley Sectional March 2-5 totaled 11,236 persons according to the financial report released after the sectional.

Harold Struble, a Merrillville resident, formerly of DeMotte, passed away March 14. Surviving besides the widow Blanch (Sigler) Struble is one daughter Noreen Orisch of Merrillville, and a son Howard of Crown Point. Six grandchildren also survive.

The Jasper County Fair Board President Marvin Nesius recently announced entertainment arrangements for the annual county fair, August 8-13, which will include "Grandpa Jones of Hee Haw." Other entertainment will include the Blackwood Brothers.

Marine Private Tom M. Barcus, son of Beve Barcus, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

The DeMotte Moonlight Madness Sale was held on March 17th, from 8-11:00pm.

Kindergarten enrollment of the Kankakee Valley schools will take place on May 3rd, and 4th, at the DeMotte Elementary School.

April 12, 1978

Dr. Roy Kingma was elected president of the new Town Planning Commission at an organizational session Monday in the Town Hall.

Other officers include Vice-president Michael Bracich, and Secretary, Rita Ryska.

Other appointees to the commission are; Robert Swanson, Jack Stellingwerf, and John Fase. The Rev. Wm. Cooke declined a nomination.

Valparaiso attorney Gordon Etzler has been hired as legal counsel. Etzler explained the statutes of the new commission, which adopted the rules of the Jasper County Planning Commission. Members will review and recommend to the Town Board approvals or denials for re-zoning, and special variances, he said.

Recommendations for the town's Board of Zoning Appeals include adopting Jasper County's existing plan. Denials from the planners will be turned over to the B.Z.A. according to Etzler.

Ivan Van Essen has been elected Chairman of the B.Z.A. The Rev. James McCoy is Vice-Chairman and Rita Ryska will serve as Secretary. Other members include Jasper County Highway Superintendant, Verland Christopher and Robert Swanson.

Etzler said the Planning Commission must hold a public hearing to extend its and the B.Z.A.'s jurisdictional boundaries two miles around the perimeter of DeMotte.

Town Board President John Fase said the major reason for adding this area is to prevent businesses and subdivisions from being constructed just outside the boundaries to escape town jurisdiction.

Meetings for both the planners and the B.Z.A. will be on the second Tuesday of each month, with the B.Z.A. at 7:00pm, and the Planning Comm. at 8:00pm.

"We will follow existing county zoning ordinances as applicable to the town of DeMotte, and after one year, we will decide whether they truly reflect the needs of the area." Etzler said. "We may decide to review and update the regulations because of a new sewer system, he added. Thoughts, ideas, and concepts governing the boundaries of residential, commercial and industrial areas may be altered, and we may wish to narrow or expand existing limitations."

Etzler suggested that records for both the Planners and the B.Z.A. be kept in a central location, and that fees and forms for building permits, rezoning special exceptions, and occupancy permits be arranged. "We must make sure that available County forms are legally sufficient for our needs, and become organized so that we can move ahead without delay." Etzler said.

May 1978

The First Baptist Church of DeMotte will begin it's weekly services May 7th, at Hillside Shopping Center West in the building that was formerly the Shaver Paint and Wallpaper Store. Four Baptist families have been meeting for a weekly Bible study since October of 1977, at the Rich Lawrence residence. Now they have banded together to start the only Southern Baptist Church in Jasper County.

According to Lawrence, Pastor Hank Smith of the First Baptist Church of Kentland is sponsoring the new church.

One of Rev. Smith's church members will be the new pastor of the DeMotte church, Rev. Larry Schuringa.

Rev. Schuringa, 35, was born and raised in Sheldon, Illinois, and is a carpenter by trade. He earned his degree in Theology from the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Schuringa, his wife Pat, and four children are intending to make DeMotte their home.

Bob Stubblefield will be the Sunday School Superintendant, as well as the church's music director.

The services will begin with Sunday School at 9:30a.m., with Worship Services to follow at 10:30a.m. Evening Worship Services are scheduled for 7:00p.m.

The DeMotte High School Class of 1968 is holding their 10 year reunion on June 10th, 1978. Any former member of the class is invited. If anyone was overlooked, and would like to attend, they should contact Randy Kooy, Elaine Hamstra or Jerry Terborg as soon as possible.

The phone number for the DeMotte Sewage Treatment Plant is 987-5350. For sewer hook-ups, inspections, or matters pertaining to the DeMotte sewers, please call this number and leave your message.

Five-term State Rep. Walter J. Roorda, (Rep.), DeMotte, was awarded a Legislative Leadership Citation by the Indiana Council of Churches at the Council's Annual Director's meeting, Friday in Indianapolis, Ind.

Community Bible Church will be having their vacation bible school at the church June 5th through 9th. Classes are offered for children ages 4 years through 9th grade.

The DeMotte Church of the Nazarene will be holding daily vacation bible school at their church 9: to 11:30 a.m., June 12 - 16, for area children, kindergarten through high school ages.

The Adult Sunday School Class of the DeMotte Nazarene Church held a carry-in supper and fellowship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bruner, Thursday, May 4th.

Commencement Exercises were held at the Lighthouse Christian School in Wheatfield, on Sunday, May 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

Thelma Holladay, Grace Cheever and Katy Waymire spent last week-end in Linton, Ind., visiting Mrs. Frances Cheever, sister-in-law of Grace Cheever.

The Kankakee Valley High School Commencement was on Sunday, May 21st.

June 1978 -

DeMotte Town Board members say there has been some problem in the town recently with lots and yards that are not kept clean. There is an ordinance stating that these yards and vacant lots must be cleaned up and the weeds controlled.

Bert Boone of DeMotte, and Wilma Wills of Pendleton, Ind., were united in marriage, Saturday, June 19th, in the Christian Church of Pendleton.

Friday, June 11th, March Sekema and Marvin Woodke were married in the American Reformed Church.

August 1978 -

August 31, 1978 - Dan Edward Marquardt, youngest son of Mark and Donna Marquardt of DeMotte, also interested in the Advanced Electronics program offered by the U.S. Navy, as were his brothers before him, left for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center on this date - his birthday. Another interesting note was that his graduation from high school was on May 21st, his oldest brother's birthday!

October 1978 -

Mrs. Jack (Betty) Musker has been named the new manager of the Jasper County License Branch-office in DeMotte according to Kenny Culp, Jasper County Republican Chairman. The office will be re-opened at Moore Realty, across from Hillside Shopping Center on Halleck Street in DeMotte. It was also announced that services in the DeMotte branch will be expanded. In the future, citizens will be able to obtain plates for cars and light trucks and trailers. In the past, only plate transfers and titles were available.

Mrs. Musker will be assisted by Carol Stubblefield of DeMotte who has worked previously at the license branch in Rensselaer.

The license branch will be open from 10: to noon, and 1: to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9: to noon Saturday.

Mrs. Musker replaces Dorothy Van Dam who is retiring because of illness.

Deaths in the community

John De Fries

Born: Dec. 24, 1899

Died: Friday, Oct. 13, 1978

Buried: Holland Cemetery

History: Son of Andrew and Etha (Hamminga) De Fries

Married: Lettie De Koker, Mar. 3, 1923 - she died in 1948

Married: Adele P. Conrad

Lettie was the daughter of Abe De Koker

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Age: 58

Died: Friday, Oct. 13, 1978

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April, 1979

Keener Township Advisory Board will consider appropriations for cemetery care, and the Keener Township Voluntary Fire Department.

The request for an additional \$2,000.00 appropriation for the cemetery will be used to buy a mower, said Dorothy Boissy, Keener Township Trustee. The money requested for the Fire Department is for protective clothing and other miscellaneous items, that the Fire Department has put off buying to keep the taxes down. This is revenue sharing money. If it isn't spent, it will have to be sent back to the Federal Government.

New members have been added to the Fire Department, requiring more equipment, in addition to the need for replacing old equipment.

Roger and Terri Nannenga of DeMotte both earned Dean's List Recognition for the Fall semester at Purdue University.

Roger is majoring in aviation, and Terri, a first year student, is majoring in nursing.

Parents of the couple are John and Mae Nannenga, and Jack and Clara Swart, all of DeMotte.

Denise J. De Graff of DeMotte is a Grand Prix Junior Board Member working on the Queen's Contest at Purdue University.

Members of the junior board assist the senior board in planning the events and activities which culminate in the running of the Purdue Grand Prix annual go-cart race.

Members of the junior board also assist with publicity, golf tournament selection of the Grand Prix girls, and other special events.

July, 1979

The DeMotte Town Board announced the proposed 1980 town budget at its meeting, Monday night, July 23rd.

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| 1. | General Fund Budget | \$163,695.00 |
| 2. | Motor-Highway Vehicle | 45,800.00 |
| 3. | Cumulative Capital Imp. Fund | 12,000.00 |
| 4. | Federal Revenue Sharing | 16,000.00 |
| 5. | Local Roads & Streets | 15,000.00 |
| 6. | Bond & Interest Redemption | 20,000.00 |

(A new fund this year for the town swimming pool.)

July, 1979 - con't . . .

The figures on the previous page will be published twice, followed by a public hearing, before being considered for approval.

The DeMotte High School Class of 1948 held their reunion at the White House Restaurant in Valparaiso on July 28th, starting the festivities with dinner at 6:00pm.

Mr. Jack Kelly of San Bernardino, California is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Roorda. He will be staying for one week.

The Jasper County Historical Society invites members and friends to the annual dinner meeting on Thursday, July 19, at the Rensselaer Christian Church. Reservations for dinner are to be made by Monday, July 16th, with Evelyn Roorda of DeMotte at 987-3223 or Alice Hudson of Rensselaer at 866-5010. Tickets for the dinner are \$4.00 each. The speaker for the event will be Virginia D. Wellson, town co-ordinator for Conner Prairie.

Jennifer Odle and her Twirlers gave a fine exhibition during the 4th of July parade at Hebron.

Mrs. Eliese Mueller and Alma Mischke of Albuquerque, New Mexico were visitors in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Al Melchert this week.

The DeMotte Home Economics Club is planning to attend the Chautauqua at Remington, Ind. on Wednesday, August 1st. This is Senior Citizens Day and admittance is free. There is an interesting program planned for the afternoon, and a special musical group from St. Joseph's College will present a program in the evening.

The Christian Women's Club met on Friday, July 6th, for brunch and a Style-show at Great Hall, Valparaiso University.

August, 1979

The Rev. Russell Sybesma, pastor of Grace Reformed Church in Lansing, Ill., was guest speaker on Sunday, August 5th, at the American Reformed Church.

Randy Kooy suffered multiple bone fractures in an automobile/motorcycle accident, and will be in Porter Memorial Hospital for some time.

The DeMotte Christian School will hold their registration for the 1979-80 school year on August 13th and 14th between 6:30pm., and 9:00pm., in the All-Purpose Room. All new families are requested to register their children on August 20th, at 7:30 pm., in the new addition. All children must be registered on one of these evenings. The DeMotte Christian School will officially begin the 1979-80 school year on August 28th. The public is invited to opening chapel at 9:00am.

James Toppen recently entered Porter Memorial Hospital for a back injury sustained while playing ball at the Sunday School Picnic on July 4th. He required major back surgery.

Mr. Pete Seegers recently returned home from Porter Memorial Hospital.

Pastor and Mrs. Boerigter will be leaving on a 2 week vacation, returning on August 16th. They will be spending some of the time in the Colorado mountains with all their children and grand-children, then a few days with the Sioux Center Saddle Club in the Black Hills, and a few days visiting friends in Sioux Center.

The Federal Communications Commission has received an application for voluntary transfer of control of radio station W.R.D.N. - A.M. in Rensselaer.

The approval of the application from Jasper County Broadcasting Corporation would transfer control from Anthony De Carlo, James J. Carpareli, Jr., and others, to Thomas F. Jurek.

Caryl De Vries, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul De Vries of DeMotte will begin her college career on entering the freshman class of Dordt College, a Christian, four-year Liberal Arts College in Iowa's northwest corner.

Caryl led an active life in high school, as newspaper editor, student director of a school play, and as a participant in the ski and hiking clubs. She also participated in basketball, was on the debating team and worked on the yearbook staff.

October, 1979

Kankakee Valley Band Boosters meet on the first Tuesday of each month, except December and August, in the band room at Kankakee Valley High School at 7:30pm.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the American Reformed church on Nov. 5th, from 10:00am. to 4:00pm.

The Christian Church of DeMotte now has a permanent minister. He is Pastor Charles Lamm, who will be residing in DeMotte. The Christian Church meets at the DeMotte School Cafeteria, and welcomes all.

Anibal S. Gartua, Jr., son of Anibal S. Gartua of DeMotte, recently was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Army, while serving with the 299th Engineer Battalion at Fort Sill Oklahoma.

The Future Farmers of America recently selected John Jabany as President, to replace Don Watt who has resigned. John Swart was chosen as the new Vice-president.

Y.M.C.A. programs for DeMotte area persons will be held at the DeMotte United Methodist Church, 227 Halleck St., starting the week of Nov. 5th.

Items to be taught are: no, 371 - Youth Jumbling, Cake Decorating and Candy Making.

Terri Sanders was selected as Kankakee Valley High School's 1979 Homecoming Queen Friday night. Dave Grube escorted Terri to receive her crown.

The Kankakee Valley Area Fine Arts Council will open its 1979-80 season on Saturday, October 13th, with a musical play; "The Generation Gap". The play will be presented by the Dures Arts Foundation, which also performed for the Fine Arts Council last year.

Gasper County Homemakers Chorus rehearsal at the DeMotte Lutheran Church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, from 12:30 until 2:30pm. Baby-sitter provided.

Ladies Volleyball night is being held on the first, second and fourth Monday of each month at the Lincoln Elementary School, 7: to 10:00pm. Cost of each session is \$1.00 per player.

Kankakee Valley Fish Fry, Oct. 12, 1979, from 4:30pm., till 7:00pm., at the Kankakee Valley High School Middle School Cafeteria, preceeding the last home football game between K.V. and North Judson. Sponsored by K.V. Band Boosters.

October, 1979 - con't . . .

On October 11th, forty-one persons boarded a bus at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in DeMotte, and attended the afternoon Grant Park Mass by Pope John Paul II in Chicago. Those attending were from DeMotte, Wheatfield and Rensselaer.

The First Baptist Church of DeMotte held the dedication services for their new church building Sept. 23rd, at 2:30pm.

The guest speaker was R.V. Haygood, Director of Missions for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

The introduction and dedicatory prayer were led by A.D. Maddey, Director of Missions for the Wabash Valley and Miami Associations.

There were many visitors including those from the sponsoring and mother church, First Baptist of Kentland, Indiana.

The church is located on 1200 N. in Richlyn Estates, DeMotte.

Mrs. Dorothy Christopher has been visiting with her father and family in Minneapolis, Minnesota this past week.

Mr. & Mrs. John Spurgeon are grandparents, and Mr. & Mrs. Otto are great-grandparents, with the arrival of Jill April Spurgeon this past week. Jeff and Becky Spurgeon are the parents, and they have one other daughter by the name of Brooks.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Klempe celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Monday, October 8th. Mrs. Klempe is the former Rosie Hamstra.

On Sunday, October 7th, the guest minister at the American Reformed Church was Rev. Howard Hockstra, associate pastor at the Homewood Reformed Church.

Mrs. Casper Belstra remains a patient in the Jasper County Hospital in Rensselaer, Indiana.

Mr. Doug Mc Kinley had knee surgery in Porter Memorial Hospital on Monday, October 8th. He hopes to be home soon.

Released from the Porter County Hospital are Mrs. Donna Przybylaski, and Mr. John De Fries.

We wish a very Happy Birthday on October 23rd, to Rev. Graadus Aalberts, former pastor of the American Reformed Church.

Little Sarah Kibbert, suffering with (curable) leukemia shows improvement, although she will be in the hospital another week yet. Her address is Riley Children's Memorial Hospital, Room 365, Indianapolis, Indiana -46200.

October 1979, con't...

Mrs. Dorothy Woudema entered the Jasper County Hospital recently for leg surgery.

John and Rose Tysen recently made a visit to their son, Rev. Harry Tysen and family in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and to John's brother, The Rev. Maurice Tysen in Rochester, Minnesota.

A baby shower was given for Karen DeYoung by Vicki DeYoung and Pat Belstra, on Friday, October 5th, in the First Reformed Church.

Robert Kaper and Gene DeYoung were moose hunting during the last two weeks in September in Alberta, Canada. They got 3 moose, 2 black bear and a silver fox.

A couples party, composed of members of the First Reformed Church was held in September at Freedom Park. After a baseball game, and carry-in supper, the couples also enjoyed bowling.

Mr. & Mrs. Art Swanson celebrated their holidays with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Meerten of Wheatfield, who celebrated a wedding anniversary at the same dinner party. They had this very special celebration at the Redwood Inn in Kankakee, Illinois.

An open house was held Sunday, October 21st, to celebrate Sam Fieldhouse's 50th birthday. It was held in the All-Purpose Room in the American Reformed Church.

Sonia Andree and Kevin Oezer were united in marriage, Saturday night, October 20th, in the American Reformed Church.

Mrs. Josine (Art) Lageveen recently returned home from the Porter Memorial Hospital - Thursday, Oct. 25th.

Little Sarah Kikkert remains in the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, but hopes to come home soon.

Mrs. Casper Belstra continues to be a patient in Jasper County Hospital in Rensselaer.

Little Ryan Kohlhagen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kohlhagen entered Home Hospital in LaFayette on Wednesday. He has been very ill, but at this writing he is showing a slight improvement after undergoing many tests.

There will be a meeting at the Christian School gym on Tuesday evening, Oct. 30th, at 7:30pm., for those interested in playing basketball this year. A \$10.00 registration fee must be paid when you sign up.

October 1979, con't. . .

and November 1979

Little Joan Siphema, Diane Siphema's daughter entered St. Elizabeth's Hospital in LaFayette recently for tests.

The Golden Age Society of the American Reformed Church met Tuesday, October 30th, at 12:30pm., for a Dutch accented dinner and program.

A Reformation Day Rally, November 2nd, at 7:30pm., is being held at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Rev. Jerry Vreeman is the guest speaker. He is associated with the t.v. part of the Back To God hour.

A meeting for the community to consider the problem of drug abuse will be held at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Monday, October 1st, at 7:00pm. The Jasper County Law Enforcement will lead the discussion at this first of two meetings.

A congregational meeting of the American Reformed Church will be held Oct. 25th, to consider calling a minister. The slate of candidates recommended will be; the Rev. David Ter Beest of Hull, Iowa, Arnold Van Beek of West Olive, Michigan, and Donald Lenderink of Orange City, Iowa.

On Sunday, October 7th, Rev. Howard Hockstra will be guest minister at the American Reformed Church. He is the associate pastor at Homewood Reformed Church in Homewood, Illinois.

Miss Deborah Dobry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Dobry of DeMotte graduated Nov. 17th, from Ball State University at Muncie, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing.

Rest Haven's 19th Torchlight Dinner was held recently at McCormick's Place. Concert Artist Kim Wickes, a blind Korean-American was featured along with Marathon runner Rev. Tony Alhstrom, as Master of Ceremonies.

On Nov. 4th, the Junior Choir presented their musical, "Down By The Creek Bank", in the American Reformed Church, at 7:00pm.

The Men's Brotherhood of the American Reformed Church met Monday, Nov. 19th, at 7:30pm., in the Fireside Room. The Rev. Dale Cox of Lansing, Ill., spoke on the role of the father.

Mrs. Casper Belstra was recently transferred from Jasper County Hospital to Lake Holiday Manor in Roselawn.

December 1979

Dec. 2, Guest Minister at the American Reformed Church was the Rev. Roger Johnson, pastor of the First Reformed Church of LaJayette, Indiana.

Morrell Circle of the American Reformed Church had their Christmas party, and program on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 12:30pm., in the Fireside Room. Program: Harriet Aslbents and Ann Janis on Spiritual Life. Hostesses were Betty Vander Meer, Sadie Evers and Margaret Moolenaar. Gift exchange, \$3.00. Bible study 9:45am., in the Fireside Room for their Christmas party and cookie exchange - 3 dozen. Hostesses are Barb Kaluf and Janelle Abbring.

Luke DeYoung recently spent a week at St. Catherine's Hospital

Mrs. Janet Carr was recently a patient for several days in Porter Memorial Hospital.

The DeMotte Christian School Will be holding their annual S.E.F. Campaign on December 4th. Their needed goal is \$55,000.00. Full co-operation is asked from each home, from each grand-parent, parents whose children have graduated, parents who have children in school, young married couples, and all working young people. Can we count on you? they ask. D.H.C. Board

The DeMotte Christian School is holding their kindergarten pre-registration for the school year 1980-81. If your child will be 5 years old by Sept. 1st, 1980, and you plan to enroll your child at DeMotte Christian, please contact the school by phone or stop in at the school office on Dec. 3rd, or 4th.

The Bethel Christian Reformed Church will have their annual Candlelight Service on December 9th, at 8:00pm., everyone is invited.

The American Reformed Church Guild Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 10th, in the chapel room.

The American Reformed Church Christmas program is to be held Dec. 16th, at 6:00 pm.

Harold and Jim Kingma, DeMotte area farmers will supply Governor Otis Bowen and his family with their Christmas tree this year.

The honor of supplying the tree for the governors' mansion, the State House and other official buildings in Indianapolis is awarded to members of the Indiana Christmas Tree Grower's Association each year. The Kingma brothers were selected for the honor in June.

December 1979, con't . . .

Patti Buchanan of DeMotte recently joined the Harley Snyder Company of Hebron as a Sales Associate. She had been employed as a real estate secretary for the Hebron firm.

President Carter declared today, (Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1979) Unity Day in honor of the hostages held in Iran.

The operators of a Jasper County landfill have been ordered to pay the largest fine in the history of the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board, the Attorney General's office reported.

Attorney General Theodore L. Sendak said the Groen Brothers of Indiana were ordered to pay \$214,200.00 in fines by Jasper Circuit Judge Michael Karne. The fines were levied for contempt of court because the company continued to operate a landfill in defiance of an earlier order.

Sendak said the fine amounts to \$600.00 a day, covering the period from October 31, 1978 until October 22, 1979.

The previous high judgment involving an environmental violation was \$90,000.00 according to the Stream Board Technical Secretary, Oral Hart.

Kankakee Valley Review

Feb. 1915

The only blacksmith shop in DeMotte owned by Tom Cheever was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock Sat. morning. The origin of the fire unknown. The building a frame one and contents a total loss.

Born to Mr and Mrs Charles Curtin Monday Jan. 4-1915 a daughter(Helen Watson).

Trustee Tunis Snip Retires

On December 31- Tunis ~~E~~e Snip retired after having faithfully served for 6 years. His successor is Cliff Fairchild.

Jay Spencer bought the Haan farm. C.O. Spencer moved to the Haan Farm to take care of the stock for Jay who has another year on the Nave ranch.

Miss Fannie Bell Robbins and Mr George Mosier both of DeMotte married Feb. 1915 by Squire Delos Dean.

Mrs Mary E. Troxell formerly of DeMotte and recently of ~~Ken.~~ and Jerome B. Martin a retired farmer of La Fountain Ind. was married by Rev. H.J. Kenter of Marion Ind. a cousin of the bride.

Trustee Notice

The undersigned trustee of Keene township attends to official business ~~to transact~~ at his residence DeMotte on every Saturday of each week. Persons having township business to transact will please be governed accordingly. Post office address DeMotte Indiana.

A.E. Fairchild Trustee

Kankakee Valley Review

Feb. 1915

Mary E. Troxell Born Wabash Ind July 29, 1846 and
Jerome B. Martin born Aug. 24, 1896.

Richard Tysen born Chicago Ill. June 28, 1892 occupati
-on farming. Ricca Hoffman born Chicago May 3, 1890.

March 11- 1915

Andre Kamminga born Holland Jan. 2, 1889 present
residence Roselawn occupation farmer and Berta Peterson
born Demotte Feb. 18, 1895 present residence Fair Oaks
first marriage for both.

Theoder Hunter and Miss Clara Feldman married Feb.
10- 1915 by Rev. Morris. They went to Chicago on their
honeymoon.

Demotte- Grocery 1905

Will close Monday and Thursday at 6:15 .

H.C. DeKock

Samuel Mc Giniss

Groshans and Replogle

Tues. March , 1915

Al Konovsky and A.J. Granger went to Hammond on
business. Al is making arrangements to open up a lumber
yard.

Holland Sept. 10, 1887-Dave Sytsma, Oct 15, 1913
married Dec. 1888 Ida ~~DeYoung~~ Young. Dave a farmer at
Roselong

Swart brotheers of Rev. Swart bought the Deloss
property near the church and Bert bought an interest in
H.C. DeKock Store.

Miss Florence Frame entertained the young
people at her home west of town.

Thursday March 4- 1915

Otto De Young

Cement work, cement crushed Rock and Gravel
for sale. We manufacture and keep in stock all kinds of
Block and Cement Building Materials.

Auto and Horse Livery

First Class accommodations. Terms reasonable

W.C. Hanaway. Demotte.

March 11- 1915

J.R. Witters purchased the Hebron Pharmacy.

Alfred Konovsky has purchased the Granger lumbe sheds
and has organized a lumber firm here and several cars of
lumber and building material has been bought for the use
of local trade here, which will be of valuable addition
to the businee interests of the town.

Full line of Eastman Kodaks and supplies kept in stock
Films developed and prints made on short notice. ~~Give me a trial~~
Give me a trial

C.P. Cuttin Demott Ind.
3-II-F.

March 25-1915

Mrs A. DeKocker has been on the sick list the past week.
Mrs Caleb Cheever attended the funeral of her father at
Shelby Sunday.

The new school now has 147 pupils enrolled, which
is the largest number ever handled at the Demotte School.

Sept. 8-1915

George Hockney has purchased the I.C. Newsome farm
of 126 acres. 2 miles south of here.
100 acres 2 mile. south of here.

April 1-- 1915

Mr and Mrs Roy True entertained at a birthday party last Saturday afternoon in honor of the thirteenth anniversary. The afternoon was spent in games , dainty refreshment being served by Mrs True assisted by Mrs Steve True. Those present were Eulalia and Lillian Shook, Katie and Ollie Evers, Edna and Opal Halleck, Marie Baker, Ruby Yeagly, France Hewith, Earl and Gerald Curtin, Orville Russell, Ramie Halleck, Walter Bunning, Owney Gorbet and Millard Hart.

April 8-1915

Wm. Harrington was compelled to hire a conveyance in to order to get home from here last Saturday evening on account of being unable to get to the depot. freight train having The crossing and tracks blocked. An example made of a few violations of the law would put a stop to this work.

April 29 1915

Dr. Hewitt went Tuesday evening to attend a two day's session and baquet to be given by the 13th district medical Society of physcians and surgeons at Rochester Ind. Dr. Hewitt said a discussion will be had on the subject Twilight Sleep.

Jack Fairchild of Monon and Frank Robbins came home over Sunday.

Al Konovsky is making a boulevard out of the sand aro und town, covering it with yellow cinders wich is a need ed repair.

May 13, 1915

Charlie Cartin effecient depot agent says DeMotte is getting bigger every day.

Sheriff McColly came up Monday and closed the doors of the Groshans and Replogle store.

R.E.Halleck has put a new porch and cement foundation under his house and will also build an additional room and run a first class hotel. Meals are being served there now to the traveling public. Try it.

May 20th -1915

8th graduates

Virgil Russel, Viola Steinke, Murray Spuregon, Latilda Campebe-ll, Carl Anderson, Raymond White, Ivan Cheever, Charles Woudema, Emily Overöcker. The DeMotte new school has been of great assistance in the educational line in Keener Township this term.

Marriage

Miss Ruth Kramer and Otto Schwanke.

June 10th

Mrs Joseph Koza of North Judson visited her brother Al Konovsky Tuesday.

Sam McGinnis purchased at Sheriff sale the stock of goods formerly owned by Andrew Granger and later sold to Mr Grosshans.

July 29-1915

Wheat that made 50 bushels to the ten et al, July 16, pt
out Lt. 25 north Demott pt sw nw, 26-32-7- Keener \$500.

The cabbage crop in this section is very small this ~~se~~
season because on account of continous wet weather.

Born Tuesday Aug. 3-1915 a boy to Ed. Dekoker and wife
Dr Hewitt attending physician.

Born Wednesday Aug. 18-1915 a girl to Thos. Abbring
and wife, Dr Hewitt attending physician.

Keener Township Schools Opens Sept. 6

Demotte school

Carl Elliott superintendent Bert Llewellyn 7th and
8th grade. Ruth Schwanke intermediate, Charity M. Wolfe
primary,

Tyler School-- Dora Feldman, Gleason school, Orla
D. Gleason, McKinley school, Mrs Wm. Petty, Shortrige school
Miss tilton.

~~Sept/8/1915/~~

(Who are the Yannigans)

Sept. 8- 1915

George Hockney has purchase the I.C. Newsome farm of 120 acres, 2 miles south of here.

The pickle crop is reported better then was anticipated last week, but the cabbage yield is not up to expectations.

wheat and oats in the shock that were supposed to be greatly damaged by the continued wet weather through the early part of the harvest is pronounced generally in better condition than expected. The yield is good.

October 14-1915

Mrs Mary Martin formerly of the Troxell hotel now at La Fontaine Ind. was here visiting friends.

October 21-1915

H. C. Dekock bought 80 acres of land near th river from W.B. Austin.

Otto Schwanke is now clerking at the Mc Ginniss store.

The new homes of James Coberly and James Russell are nearing completion. The new store of H.C. Dekock is ~~is~~ nearly for occupancy and when finished will be one of the best lighted and arranged stores in this vicinity.

July 29-1915

Sold Land

Jennie Groet to Peter Swart, north DeMotte pt sw nw, 26-32-7- Keener \$450.

1915

W.F. Ihne bought 20 acres of land at Newland for \$125. an acre and sold for \$200. an acre.

Nov 18-1915

Born on Friday Nov. 5-1915 a boy to Lee Story and wife Dr Hewitt attending physician.

Fred Cheever is taking a course of study at Valparaiso University.

Geroge Kannenga, John Greve and Frank Hart were in Wheatfield Saturday.

Dec. 23, 1915

Jacob Intveld and family have moved from Ill. to their farm north of town.

The kraut factory is working full time. Several cars loaded with cabbages were received here this week from points east and from Michigan.

C.C. Spencer received word here this week from his brother, Louis whom he has not heard from in the past twenty years. Louis is located in the mines in South Africa and reports that he is doing well

March 4-1915 Thursday

John Bunning has moved from Thayer to the Lakotska farm which he has purchased.

Al Konovsky and A.J. Granger went Tuesday to Hammond on a business trip. Al is making arrangements to open up a lumber yard.